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Title: DISPLACING EDGE SEGMENTS ON A FABRICATION LAYOUT
BASED ON PROXIMITY EFFECTS MODEL AMPLITUDES FOR
CORRECTING PROXIMITY EFFECTS

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments:

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. Claims 2-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-5 and 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,289,499 (Rieger).

Claims 1-8 are amended herein.